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HISTORY – HI1

PERIOD STUDY 6

UNIT 1

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF
EUROPE, c. 1618-1763**

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(45 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

You are reminded that marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer one question.

1. The Thirty Years War, 1618-1648.

- (a) Explain why the Holy Roman Empire was facing difficulties in Bohemia in 1618. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the power of the Holy Roman Empire greatly reduced during the Thirty Years War, 1618-1648? [36]

2. The rise of Prussia, 1640-1740.

- (a) Explain why Prussia was weak in 1640. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Frederick William, the Great Elector, mainly responsible for the development of Prussia between 1640 and 1740? [36]

3. Sweden, 1618-1721.

- (a) Explain why Gustavus Adolphus strengthened Sweden. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the decline of Sweden due mainly to a failure of leadership among her rulers? [36]